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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7766

BILL NUMBER: SB 506

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 6, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Parental Liability for Judgments and Fines.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Broden

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a parent is liable for the payment of not more than \$5,000 of a judgment or fine imposed on the parent's child for violating an ordinance or committing an infraction or a misdemeanor if: (1) the parent has custody of the child; and (2) the child is living with the parent.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill allows the court to hold a parent liable for the payment of not more than \$5,000 of a judgement or fine imposed on the parent's child for violating an ordinance or committing an infraction or misdemeanor. There is no data available which indicates the number of juveniles convicted of a misdemeanor or infraction, or what fines such persons would have been penalized with. The bill could potentially increase revenue for the state, however, increases are dependent on the actual amount of fines and judgements collected from parents.

The chart below provides information about the maximum fine for a misdemeanor or infraction and the fund in which revenue is deposited.

Penalty	Fine	Revenue Deposit
Class A Infraction	\$10,000	State General Fund
Class B Infraction	\$1,000	State General Fund
Class C Infraction	\$500	State General Fund
Class D Infraction	\$25	State General Fund
Class A Misdemeanor	\$5,000	Common School Fund (from fines); State General Fund (from court fees)
Class B Misdemeanor	\$1,000	Common School Fund (from fines); State General Fund (from court fees)
Class C Misdemeanor	\$500	Common School Fund (from fines); State General Fund (from court fees)

Background Information: In 2003, 25,861 cases were filed against juveniles. This number includes infractions, misdemeanors, and felonies.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: This bill also allows the court to hold a parent liable for the payment of not more than \$5,000 of a judgement or fine imposed on the parent's child for violating an ordinance. The additional revenue that might occur is unknown.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local units with ordinances.

Information Sources: Division of State Court Administration, Cases Filed.

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